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SUBJECT: NEW MUNICIPAL AND PROVINCIAL COUNCILS INSTALLED

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1. THE MAYORS, PROVINCIAL PREFECTS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS IN CITIES AND PROVINCES IN WHICH INCUMBENTS HAD BEEN ELECTED IN 1970 FOR FOUR YEAR TERMS WERE REIGNAUGURATED AUGUST 10, ECUADOR'S INDEPENDENCE DAY. IN A SERIES OF DECREES, GOE RENEWED MANDATES OF MOST ELECTED MAYORS; THERE WERE MORE CHANGES AMONG PROVINCIAL PREFECTS. MAYORS OF QUITO, TULCAN, CUENCA, AND RIOBAMBA WERE RENEWED IN OFFICE.

2. IN BRIEF COMMENT TOWARD END OF A LENGTHY REVIEW OF HIS ADMINISTRATION, QUITO MAYOR SIXTO DURAN EXPLAINED HIS DECISION TO CONTINUE IN OFFICE EVEN THOUGH HIS MANDATE HAD BEEN RENEWED BY EXECUTIVE DECREE AND NOT BY ELECTION OF THE PEOPLE. DURAN SAID HE WAS CONVINCED PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ WAS MOTIVATED BY THE AMBITION AND DESIRE TO SERVE ECUADOR AND THAT IT WAS DUTY OF ECUADOREANS TO ASSIST THOSE WHO WERE ATTEMPTING TO RESOLVE THE COUNTRY'S PROBLEMS.

3. COMMENT: THOSE ELECTED OFFICIALS WHO WERE ASKED, GENERALLY CONTINUED ON IN OFFICE. THEIR ACTIVE POLITICAL ROLES, EVEN UNDER A MILITARY GOVERNMENT, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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